

**To:** Carmen <clevere@harambeecs.org>  
**Cc:** John Holt <bjholtjr@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Y11 RFP - 470 filed - please sign certification

Carmen,

We are filed. The 470 and RFP are attached.

Also attached is the certification. Please sign, send a copy to me, and mail the original by certified letter to:

SLD Forms  
ATTN: SLD Form 470  
3833 Greenway Drive  
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

**Please confirm receipt** and notify me if there are any questions.

Thanks.

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**From:** Sarah Maxwell [mailto:sarahmax@gaggle.net] **Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2008 2:54 PM **To:** clevere@harambeecs.org **Subject:** Gaggle.Net Email Service Proposal Erate Funding Year 11

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**From:** Community School Builder [mailto:egebhart@communityschoolbuilder.com] **Sent:** Saturday, December 29, 2007 10:59 PM **To:** Carmen Levere **Subject:** ERate Form 470 Request

A Service provided by Virtual Focus, Inc. SPIN# 143031818

Re-Rate Proposal for Carmen Levere

Dear Carmen,

We are pleased to respond to your erate 470 application requesting bids for web hosting. The Community School Builder's website and email solution is focused on helping schools and districts strengthen parental involvement and community building initiatives by harnessing the power of the internet to provide an effective communication platform for all school stakeholders.

We welcome you to review the attached service level agreement and a services flyer for more information and pricing structure for our services. Please visit our website at <http://www.communityschoolbuilder.com> for more information and live demonstrations of our packages. We also welcome you to schedule a demonstration for a guided tour of the Community School Builder website solution. Our parent corporation is Virtual Focus, Inc., and our SPIN number is 143031818.

Community School Builder uses one of the most powerful and award winning content management systems on the planet. We provide the service of web hosting, site design and development, professional development, and ongoing customer support. The package that we put together for schools provides an extremely effective communication platform to help foster a strong school community!

We strongly encourage you to visit our website for more details of our services and visit our live demo section. Not only will you be able to see our features (listed below) in action on fully functional live websites but also the huge array of design options available with each template. Please visit our website to view the demo pages at <http://www.communityschoolbuilder.com>

The following is a list of the major features that are included in each webhosting package that we provide. This list merely outlines the major components of our school package.

#### Multimedia Galleries

Integrated multimedia galleries provide the ability to stream videos, podcasts, pictures and much more in practically any media format. The ability to easily create dynamic and eye catching content for your website will keep your visitors returning more frequently and engaged in your

online presence.

#### Online Learning Management System (LMS)

Train your faculty, staff, students, and parents with this amazing light weight component. Online training allows everyone the ability to participate in professional development activities at their own pace. You can make some training items compulsory or optional with the ability to require a test to be taken upon completion of the training.

#### Individual Teacher Pages

Teacher will be able to create their own mini-website within a website by creating multiple pages for their classroom. Teachers can have their own document repository; add multimedia files, pictures with special effects, RSS feeds, and much more.

#### Alumni and Groups Manager

This component allows the district to setup groups for your alumni, clubs, classes, etc. with a convenient meeting place. Each group has its own member directory, the ability to join or unjoin, notification of new members, event notification and registration, email all group members, invite people to join, and much more. This is great way to keep your alumni and other groups in touch with each other.

#### Private Messaging

The private messaging system allows users of your website to easily communicate with each other. When a student, parent, or teacher registers for your web site they are automatically given a private messaging account and added to the web sites address book. This is also an alternative solution to providing separate student email accounts. User can only send a message to other registered users such as parents, teachers, admin, and more.

#### Automated Newsletter Mailer

Our Newsletter Marling system is designed with ease of use and robustness in mind. It can handle an unlimited numbers of newsletters with an unlimited number of subscribers in just a few clicks. Easily add content and articles from your website to create and mail newsletters with ease.

## Help Desk

The help desk is a great for your staff to perform maintenance and help requests online. The advantage of implementing this system is the ability to track request in a database and makes it easy to determine campus trends, or trends from particular users. This provides the useful information to run a more effective campus and a useful tool to help make sure your staff's needs are being addressed.

## Survey System

The survey system helps schools by conducting surveys of your stakeholders to gain anonymous responses to questions that you feel are relevant to your operation. For example, you may want to conduct a campus wide survey to evaluate your safe and drug free program compliance reports or even a needs assessment to help you with your NCLB application. Gain useful information with results that can be view graphically or exported to a spreadsheet.

## Forums and Blogs

A forum is public meeting place for open discussion of various topics. Online, a forum may also be referred to as a bulletin board or discussion area. Forums come in all shapes and sizes. The main objective is to provide an area where users can interact with questions, answers and discussions on a given topic. There are literally thousands and thousands of topical forums online. Each forum usually states the topic and tries to keep the discussions on topic. However, this can often vary from forum to forum. This can be a very powerful means of communication for parents, teachers, students, and administration by providing a platform for the sharing of ideas, homework help, general ideas, etc. You could also use a forum to gather data in a less traditional way rather than survey based.

## Meal Menus

The School Lunch Component allows the public user to view a week of menu items for lunch or breakfast or both. The public user can print a copy of the menu for refrigerator hanging! As the school site administrator, the admin may add, edit, or delete single or weekly lunch and/or breakfast menu items. Options include the ability to adjust user printing, the user display (current week or floating (today + 4)), and meal order. This is a very important feature that will keep your

parents coming back to your website and helping them stay informed.

#### Job Postings

Offer job postings on your school web site. Your users can browse jobs or search by job title and apply immediately online. Human resources can add jobs and update job status throughout the hiring process. The administrator can approve or deny any job and controls publishing status.

#### Calendar System

The calendar system is a great to keep everyone informed about upcoming events with the ability to views of all calendars or only the calendar that you want to see. For example, you may want to see only the school calendar, athletics calendar, payroll calendar, or all of them together. You can allow certain user groups the ability to add delete an event so you know that your calendar always stays current. It is also quite intuitive in the ability to set many different types of recurring events.

#### Document Manager

The document manager is a document repository system for uploading, downloading, opening, or editing important school documents. With this component you can manage documents across multiple categories and subcategories and make them available to the public. You can also set permissions so that only certain users or user group can access the documents. This is especially important for sharing and working on sensitive documents from a central location. Administration has the ability to be notified by email of new posting and to decide if it should be posted or denied.

#### Project Manager

The project manager is intended to be an administrative feature of CSB to help your school stay on top of assigned projects and tasks. For example, a project can be created for a teacher with your benchmarks or objectives set as tasks for each teacher for the entire year. You can create timelines for accomplishing each task and the teacher can update the progress of each task towards mastery by indicating percentages of completion.

#### Daily Announcements

Scrolling daily announcements will keep everyone informed about the daily events at the school. Parents will always know what is going on at their child's school. The daily announcement even supports images to make sure it catches the users eye.

#### Email Updated News and RSS Feeds

Always stay informed with Email updated news that allows registered users to subscribe via e-mail to news categories. News articles on the web site are scanned at the selected interval and mailings can trigger automatically. For example, a parent can subscribe to her child's teacher page and when the teacher posts new homework assignments, the parent is automatically emailed the home work assignments that have been posted.

#### Form Manager

The form manager provides you with all the tools that you need to create applications that range in complexity from a very simple contact forms to complex enrollment forms. The forms can also be linked to a database to enable form tracking and reporting data.

#### Polls

Lastly create online polls to quickly get feedback from your audience. Poll results can be instantly displayed both statistically and graphically. This is a great way to survey your users without conducting an in-depth survey.

#### Language Translation

Translate your entire site, not just the home page, to many languages to include Spanish, Italian, German, French, and more!

Please contact me to schedule your online demonstration and discuss how the Community School Builder webhost and email solution can help you build stronger school communities today!

Respectfully,

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This guy is clueless. You asked him to review the 470 and the RFP. The 470 says to ask for the RFP from you. There is no link. There is no link to the 470.

This is what you can do. Since he doesn't "get it," we could just stand firm. He was already informed that we cannot accept emailed proposals. OR you can simply send him the RFP with repeating the statement that we cannot accept the proposal as submitted.

Option #1: ignore

Option #2: "Please refer to the attached RFP. We cannot accept your proposal as submitted."

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**Date:** January 8, 2008 10:55:51 AM EST  
**To:** "John Holt" <bjholtjr@hotmail.com>, "Martin Friedman" <friedman@alemarconsulting.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Harambee Charter School E-Rate Proposal - Application #456760000636616

**From:** Tom Jordan [mailto:[tjordan@proficienttel.com](mailto:tjordan@proficienttel.com)] **Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2008 10:55 PM  
**To:** [clevere@harambeecs.org](mailto:clevere@harambeecs.org); [tjordan@proficienttel.com](mailto:tjordan@proficienttel.com) **Subject:** Harambee Charter School E-Rate Proposal - Application #456760000636616

January 7, 2008

Carmen Levere  
Harambee Charter School  
636-640 North 66th. Street  
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RE: E-Rate Universal Service Application Number: 456760000636616

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**Subject: RE: Harambee Charter School**

Martin: Since you had all ready told me that Harambee would be closed today, I told Fed X to deliver on Monday, 1/7, in the morning. Will that be a problem now, or should I try to get it delivered this afternoon? Either way the noon deadline is out of the question! Imani's package was actually delivered yesterday at 2:36 pm.

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-----Original Message----- **From:** Mike Vertolli **Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2008 8:43 PM **To:** Cindy Curnutte **Subject:** FW: Harambee Charter School

**From:** Martin Friedman [mailto:[friedman@ALEMARConsulting.com](mailto:friedman@ALEMARConsulting.com)] **Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2008 5:13 PM **To:** Mike Vertolli **Subject:** Re: Harambee Charter School

Mike,

Imani is open and harambee is open from 12 -4.

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On Jan 3, 2008, at 11:46 AM, Mike Vertolli wrote:

Martin,

Please read email below. We have sent package to Harambe as instructed but Fed x has said customer not available and there is no way for us to contact the customer. Please advise...

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**From:** Cindy Curnutte **Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2008 11:43 AM **To:** Mike Vertolli **Subject:** Harambee Charter School

Mike: The 470 for Harambee Charter School shows a due date of 1/14/08 by noon.

I tracked our Fed X again this morning (it was sent from here on 12/28/07) and here is the status:

<b>Jan 3, 2008</b>	9:42 AM	<b>Delivery exception</b>	PHILADELPHI A, PA
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I tried to call the phone number I have for Rhonda Anderson and the vm box is full. I also tried to send an email that wouldn't go through because the email box was full.

The other package that I'm trying to confirm delivery for is Imani Charter School, also due tomorrow, 1/4/08 by noon. That one shows that it is "on the truck" scheduled to deliver today.

Atlantic City, Imhotep, Ranch Hope and Wildwood are confirmed deliveries.  
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